

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (Cranganur): May I know whether on account of the imposition of this custom duty the actual grower of the arecanut is getting a lesser price than before?

Mr. C. J. Mathew (Joint Secretary to Government): That is again another point raised in the Memorial and it is being enquired into.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (Kunnamkulam): May I know whether in the case of arecanuts for which duty is already paid in British Malabar and imported into our State markets the Government will collect duty again?

Mr. C. J. Mathew (Joint Secretary to Government): There will be no case of double taxation at all.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (Kunnamkulam): Supposing a merchant.....

Mr. President: Order, order. The Hon'ble Member is putting a hypothetical question.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: ഡ്യൂട്ടി ഏർപ്പെടുത്തിയശേഷം എത്ര കുവുങ്ങുകൾ ഈ രാജ്യത്തു മറിച്ചു പോയിട്ടുണ്ട്?

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. ജെ. മാത്യു: അറിവില്ല. നോട്ടീസ് വേണം.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: അതിന്റെ കണക്കെടുക്കുവാൻ വിരോധമുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. ജെ. മാത്യു: കണക്കെടുക്കുന്നുണ്ട്.

Khan Sahib Ismail Hajee Issa Sait (Mattancheri): May I know what is the total amount Government are expecting out of this duty?

Mr. C. J. Mathew (Joint Secretary to Government): Over 20 lakhs of rupees.

Khan Sahib Ismail Hajee Issa Sait (Mattancheri): For one year?

Mr. C. J. Mathew (Joint Secretary to Government): Yes, for one year.

SALE OF TREES ON LANDS ADJOINING RESERVE FOREST—PROCEDURE REGARDING

159. **Mr. K. Narayana Menon (Mulakunnathukavu):** Will Government be pleased to state, whether it is the practice of the Revenue Department to inform or consult the Forest Department officers when sales are made of trees standing on lands adjoining the Reserve Forest?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu (Diwan-Peishkar): No.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon (Mulakunnathukavu): Are there Officers under the Revenue Department who assess these trees at the proper value?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu (Diwan-Peishkar): Yes.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon (Mulakunnathukavu): Are not many of these Village forests touching or adjoining reserve forests?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu (Diwan-Peishkar): There are such also.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon (Mulakunnathukavu): Will it not be better for the Government to consult the officers of the Forest Department when sales are conducted?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu (Diwan-Peishkar): The matter has been considered long, long ago and decision has been arrived at that it is not necessary because the standing trees in reserve forests are not to be sold.

PADDY TAKEN FROM THOLATIL HOUSE IN THIRUVANKULAM VILLAGE—PARTICULARS OF

160. **Mr. P. Narayana Menon (Trippunittura):** Will Government be pleased to answer the following questions.—

(a) did the Paddy Purchasing Officers of the C. K. Taluk find out and take charge of about 100 paras of paddy from one Tholatil House in Thiruvankulam Village, this year;

(b) did the paddy belong to the owner of the House;

(c) if not what action did the Government take on the owner of the house for keeping paddy in his house and to find out the real owner of the same?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul (Director of Food Supplies):

(a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) The matter is subjudice.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമനോൻ: സൂഗർ ചെയ്യുന്നത് ആരാണെന്നു കണ്ടുപിടിച്ചുവോ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul (Director of Food Supplies): The matter is under investigation by the police.